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## C. R. BAVIN TO HEAD FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton announced today that Clark R. Bavin, 35, has been appointed to head the Fish and Wildlife Service's law enforcement program.

The Secretary described the selection as one of the most important to have been made by the Department in the fish and wildlife area in recent months. "We made an exhaustive talent search both within and outside the Service before selecting Clark Bavin," he said, adding that those considered in addition to Service personnel included present and former FBI agents, State enforcement personnel, and persons employed in the private sector.

"The unique combination of Bavin's law enforcement and wildlife management education and his professional experience makes him eminently qualified to head our expanded enforcement activities and he has my full support," Secretary Morton said.

The Secretary said that Nathaniel P. Reed, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, and Spencer H. Smith, Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, have redirected some fish and wildlife enforcement efforts to focus more directly on preventing violations and on coping with the problem of fish and wildlife imports under terms of legislation protecting endangered species worldwide. Traditional field enforcement activities will continue, he said, and will be expanded where feasible.

Bavin joined the Service in 1961, serving in law enforcement capacities at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge and as a U.S. Game Management Agent stationed at Elgin, Illinois. He participated in the Departmental management training program and has been on temporary law enforcement assignments in 14 States.

In 1967 Bavin came to Washington, D. C., to head the Service's national law enforcement training program. He was promoted in 1970 and assumed additional responsibilities for law enforcement planning, resource allocations, management systems, and program evaluation and coordination.

He was born in South Bend, Indiana, attended Michigan State University at East Lansing, Michigan, where he received a B.S. degree in law enforcement administration in 1959 and did graduate work in wildlife management just prior to joining the Service. Bavin is currently in his third year of part-time law study at American University, Washington, D. C.

The new law enforcement chief married the former Sandra Kenady of South Bend, Indiana. They have two boys and reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

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